

539. There are, it will be seen, only three railways in the above list, the actual cost of which has been less than the theoretical cost, and those are the Canada Atlantic, Canada Southern and North-Western Coal and Navigation Railway Companies. The expenditure on the construction and equipment of the Grand Trunk system has been heavier than on any other road, the original outlay on the main line having been very excessive, and the cost of construction of the North West Coal and Navigation Company has been the lightest, owing probably to the line running through a level prairie country, and to no outlay having been required for the purchase of land. The gauge on this road, also, was only 3 feet.

540. The total average cost per completed mile of all the railways in Canada has been \$56,991, which it will be seen from the following table compares favourably with the figures for some principal countries :—

COST OF RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION PER MILE IN PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.	COUNTRIES.	Cost per Mile.
	\$		\$
United Kingdom.....	216,479	Canada.....	56,991
Belgium.....	177,672	United States.....	54,301
France.....	134,826	Australasia.....	46,336
Germany.....	103,349	Cape Colony.....	44,856
Russia.....	97,333	Tasmania.....	39,328
Austria.....	97,177	New Zealand.....	36,811
Victoria.....	66,741	Queensland.....	33,540
India.....	64,970	South Australia.....	29,404
New South Wales.....	64,173	Western Australia.....	22,236

541. The following is a statement of the number of accidents in connection with the railways in Canada, including Government railways, for the last 14 years :—

	Killed.	Injured.
1876.....	109	304
1877.....	111	317
1878.....	97	361
1879.....	107	66
1880.....	87	102
1881.....	99	147
1882.....	147	397
1883.....	169	550
1884.....	227	796
1885.....	157	684
1886.....	144	571
1887.....	178	633
1888.....	231	775
1889.....	210	875

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